

ALLIES UNABLE  
TO WITHSTAND  
TURK ATTACKS

War Office Announces That  
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Heavy Losses.

FLANKING MOVEMENT IN  
BALKANS IS POSSIBLE

Allied Forces Might Strike  
Eastward From Drama in  
to Southern Bulgaria.  
Teutons Ready.

CONSTANTINOPLE (via Berlin by wireless), Dec. 21.—The Turkish war office announced today that the allies had withdrawn from the Suvla and Anzac fronts on the Gallipoli peninsula because of terrific attacks launched by the Ottoman forces all along the line.

Following is the text of the report:

"The Turks began a general offensive on the Dardanelles. There was violent fighting in all sections. The Turks began their attacks at Anafarta (Suvla bay), and Ari-Burnu. The enemy launched counter attacks at Sedd-el-Bahr, which were repulsed. The Turkish artillery caused heavy losses to the enemy. The Turkish troops, who had waited for months for this moment, showed immense enthusiasm that finally the Turks had defeated the enemy on the Anafarta and Ari-Burnu fronts. The enemy fled and the Turks reached the sea."

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Information from Athens that strong forces of allied troops have arrived off the Greek coast indicates that soldiers withdrawn from the Dardanelles are being sent into the Balkans.

If, as believed, a section of the troops transferred from the Suvla and Anzac fronts are being sent into the Balkans, the following possibilities present themselves:

1.—The Anglo-French forces at Salonika might be reinforced to withstand a drive from the Austro-German, Bulgarian and Turkish soldiers massed on the Greek frontier.

2.—A flanking movement may be under contemplation by the allies by sending troops to Kavala.

Salonika is 230 miles by sea route from that part of the Gallipoli peninsula from which the allied forces were transferred. Kavala is only 120 miles from the peninsula. Eighteen miles north of Kavala is Drama, an important Greek town on the railway line which runs to the eastern shores of lake Doiran. The extreme left wing of the German allies' line rests upon the western shores of this lake. On the other hand, the allied forces could strike eastward from Drama into southern Bulgaria, excellent railroad facilities being afforded for such an operation.

## Teutons Are Ready.

There are reported to be at least a quarter of a million Bulgarian, Austro-German and Turkish troops massed on the Greek border and many military experts feel certain that a drive will be launched against Salonika.

The Salonika correspondent of the Daily Mail telegraphs as follows:

"Everything points to the belief that, despite Greece's protest, the Austro-Germans, Turks and Bulgarians will be open two days."

GREEK AND FRENCH  
TROOPS IN FIGHT

BERLIN (via Sayville, by wireless), Dec. 21.—Fighting between Greek and French troops has occurred near fort Karaburnu near Salonika, says the Frankfurter Zeitung. The newspaper gives the following version of the affair:

"The Greeks, while withdrawing from the Salonika zone, a majority of their troops, kept possession of the city. Repeated requests were made by the French military authorities that the fort be turned over to them. Last Friday a strong French patrol approached the fort refusing to halt at the sentry's call. Thereupon the Greeks opened fire and the French fled."

## PORT BOMBARDED.

ATHENS, Dec. 21.—Varna, the chief Bulgarian port on the Black sea, has again been bombarded by Russian warships, according to information received here today.

These are reports that a squadron of 16 Russian transports filled with troops, accompanied the Russian warships.

A cruiser and two destroyers took part in the bombardment.

COLD IN THROAT IS  
TAFT'S ONLY TROUBLE

EX-PRES'T WM. H. TAFT.

EX-PRES'T TAFT TO  
SPEAK AT DINNER

Cold in the Throat is Only Difficulty—Says He is Out of Politics.

Hale and hearty, and suffering no serious effects from his recent illness, which he declared trivial at most, William Howard Taft, ex-president of the United States, and a professor in the Yale law school, arrived in South Bend at 12:10 Tuesday for his address before the Knife and Fork club at the hotel Oliver at 6:30 tonight.

Mr. Taft and John Sharp Williams, senator from Mississippi, were guests of honor at a directors' dinner of the Knife and Fork club at 1 o'clock at the hotel, following which, Mr. Taft's condition permitting, he will address students of Notre Dame university and visit the college. Woodbridge N. Ferris, Michigan's governor and the third of the illustrious speakers for tonight's dinner, is due to arrive here from Big Rapids, Mich., at 4 o'clock.

Reported suffering with the grip at Lacrosse, Wis., Mr. Taft said Tuesday his condition there was far from serious. A cold in the throat contracted while on his way from the east, he explained, was the only difficulty.

Mr. Taft sees a return to republican administrations in 1916, and bases his claim on personal views in his travels about the country. That the United States is behind the president, and is favorable to Mr. Wilson is his opinion, but he expresses a doubt as to the faith in democracy in general. As to a republican candidate for the presidency, Mr. Taft did not care to discuss the subject. He mentioned Justice Hughes as a strong man, but unwilling, and supported in a way the New York man's reasons for holding off.

In commenting on Sen. Weeks of Massachusetts, Mr. Taft pointed to the fact that a powerful "dark horse" was being overlooked in Sam P. McCall, who so successfully brought the progressive element in that state back to the G. O. P. That the progressive party exists in name only is the ex-president's opinion.

"But I am out of politics," he insisted, "and haven't a great deal to say. In fact, I would rather keep out of the discussion of politics."

## STAMP SALES NET \$55

Postoffice Led in the Selling on Monday.

A sum of \$55 was netted Monday in South Bend by workers in the Anti-Tuberculosis society's Red Cross seal campaign, swelling the total upwards to \$700, and within \$300 of the desired goal. The postoffice led in Monday's sales, midst many humorous sallies, an important one of which was as to whether or not Red Cross seals were sufficient to carry parcels on their way, without Uncle Sam's stamps.

The answer is a decided "no," but it is pointed out that the little red and green pasters help materially in conveying from here to there the spirit of Christmas.

## WILL BE OPEN TWO DAYS

Thursday and Friday will be market days this week, owing to Christmas coming on Saturday and following these two days, the city mart will be open only one day a week. It will also be open on Friday before New Year's.

Only three wagons were on the bridge Tuesday morning. The dealers had pork, sausage and hams, meat being practically the only thing that has been on market for the past few weeks.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Ralph K. Richardson (colored) laborer, Niles; Pauline Dempsey (colored).

Wayne Hugh Swigart, farmer; Marie Winona Brown.

MORE OFFICERS  
ABANDON VILLA,  
FALLEN LEADER

Men in Charge of Rebel Army at Chihuahua Surrender to Carranza—Villa Fleeing to Border.

GEN. AVILA EXPECTED  
TO BE MADE GOVERNOR

Commander of Forces in Lower California to Meet Gen. Obregon and Discuss Peace Terms.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Gen. Funston telegraphed the war department today that all of Gen. Francisco Villa's officers have surrendered to the Carranza forces in the state of Chihuahua. The American commander made no mention of whether the Villa officers will be granted amnesty.

Gen. Funston transmitted the following report which he received from one of his commanders at El Paso:

"According to information verified by Carranza consul here (El Paso) all former general officers of Villa's army in the state of Chihuahua except Villa himself surrendered today to the Carranza government. It is understood that Gen. Villa will be appointed head of the state government of Chihuahua."

"Gen. Villa is reported to have left Chihuahua with 400 or 500 men enroute for the border."

An earlier dispatch received by the war department said that the Villa forces offered to surrender two days ago. Gen. Obregon, Carranza commander, it was said, responded, accepting the unconditional surrender of all except Villa himself.

The Villa governor of Lower California, Cantu, was reported on his way to Guaymas to confer with Gen. Obregon about surrendering that territory.

## DESIRES PEACE.

CHIHUAHUA CITY, Mexico, Dec. 21.—"My consent to resign as supreme commander of the convention army in Mexico was brought about solely by a desire to see peace reign once more in the republic," declared Gen. Francisco Villa, just before leaving this city last night.

Villa declared that he has an agreement by which Gen. Carranza must retire as head of the Mexican government within 30 days after he (Villa) leaves the country. Villa is going to Los Angeles to live.

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 21.—With the scratch of pen here Monday four leading generals of the Villa army surrendered Juarez, the most important point in Villa territory, and 4,000 soldiers to the Carranza government.

This action sounded the death knell of the Villa movement, according to the most optimistic of Villa's supporters, immediately after the surrender agreement had been signed Col. Hipolito Villa, brother of the general, was arrested in Juarez and is held prisoner at military headquarters. He will probably be deported to the United States.

VIOLENT ARTILLERY  
DUEL DIMINISHED

No Mention is Made of Operations in Belgium in Paris Report.

PARIS, Dec. 21.—The violent artillery duel which has been raging in Artois (north and south of Arras) has diminished the French war office announced today.

The communiqué makes no mention of operations in Belgium where the Germans were reported to have begun a new offensive in an effort to open up the way to Calais.

PRODUCTS CO. PLANT  
WRECKED; 2 MISSING

EDGEWATER, N. J., Dec. 21.—Two men are missing and 25 others were injured as the result of an explosion in the Dextine plant of the Corn Products Co. at Shadyside, two miles from here, today.

The roof of the building was blown off and the walls collapsed. Fire, starting from the explosion, swept through the wreckage.

That there was not a heavy loss of life was due to the bravery of workmen in an adjoining building. Rushing into the fire swept building, they risked their lives carrying the injured to safety.

The sound of the explosion was heard for miles and all the windows in nearby buildings were broken.

SALOON MAN WILL  
PUT BAN ON DRUNKS.

CHARLESTOWN, Ind., Dec. 21.—Rees Hughes, a saloon keeper here, has made the following announcement:

"I wish to notify the wife who has a drunkard for a husband, or one who has a friend who is unfortunately dissipated, to give me notice in writing of such cases and such persons shall be excluded from my place."

"Let fathers, mothers, sisters, and brothers do likewise and their request will be complied with."

BERRIEN SPRINGS  
WOMAN IS KILLED

Acetylene Tank Lets Go—Son, Paul Feather in St. Joseph Hospital.

Special to The News-Times.

BERRIEN SPRINGS, Mich., Dec. 21.—Mrs. S. A. Feather is dead, her son, Paul, is thought to be fatally injured, and her husband is seriously burned as a result of the explosion of an acetylene tank, buried eight feet under ground, at her home three miles west of here, Monday afternoon. The woman died early Tuesday morning, and small hopes for the recovery of the 19-year-old son, who is at St. Joseph's hospital, St. Joseph, are held. Mr. Feather was burned when he pulled his wife away from the fire.

Mr. Feather and her son had been cleaning the tank. They poured in a panful of carbide and the explosion followed almost immediately. The woman was burned all over her body and she was also struck by pieces of the tank, that were hurled in all directions. One of the pieces struck the boy in the face, breaking his jaw, knocking out several teeth and cutting a deep gash over the right eye.

Mr. Feather, who is badly crippled with rheumatism, was standing on the porch watching the operations. He rushed to the aid of his wife, but she was fatally burned by the explosion. A three-year-old grandson, Harold Feather, had been playing near the tank only a few minutes before.

Mrs. Feather was 47 years old and had lived in the vicinity all her life. She is survived by her husband, her son, Paul, and a daughter, Ruth. The family is well to do.

THREE MORE BRITISH  
VESSELS ARE SUNK

Are Thought to be Victims of Submarines—One Former German Ship.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The destruction of three more British ships, apparently by German submarines, was announced today.

The victims were the steamers Belfort, Huntley and Ophelia. There are two ships named Belfort listed in Lloyd's marine register, one being of 3,216 tons, the other of 516 tons. The Huntley is a British vessel.

The Ophelia was formerly a German merchant ship. She was captured and taken into Falmouth where she was fitted out as a British vessel.

## RUSS GENERAL RELIEVED

Rusky Will Remain Member of Military Council.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 21.—Gen. Rusky, commander of the northern group of Russian armies has been relieved of his command by an imperial ukase which has just been issued. However, he will remain a member of the supreme military council.

Gen. Rusky was put in command of one of the three main armies when the czar succeeded Grand Duke Nicholas as commander in chief on Sept. 5, last.

## Latest in the News World

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—A dispatch to the National Zeitung says that the French packet Bregna, reported by wireless to Archangel, Russia, that she had struck an iceberg in the White sea. Ice breakers and tugs put out found only wreckage.

## POSITION UNCHANGED.

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—"Our position in the Balkans is unchanged," says an official announcement issued by the German general staff this afternoon.

## SHIP IS SAFE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Dec. 21.—The steamship Kronland of the Panama-Pacific line, which was reported ashore near Felicidades, on the coast of South America, arrived safely at Rio Janeiro, according to a message received by the maritime exchange here today. The Kronland grounded on the coast of South America, but the crew succeeded in saving the ship without any damage to the cargo or ship.

WILL STAY IN  
EUROPE TILL  
WAR IS ENDED

Ford Announces He Intends to Endow Foundation at the Hague Which Will Make War Impossible.

CHRISTMAS WILL BE  
SPENT AT STOCKHOLM

Leader of Peace Party Denounces Preparedness Program Now Considered in United States.

CHRISTIANA, Dec. 21.—Undismayed by hostile criticism and illness Henry Ford announced today that he would remain in Europe until peace is declared.

"I intend to endow a permanent foundation at The Hague to work out a national concordat which will make war forever impossible in the future," declared the leader of the pacifists.

"I expect to remain in Europe until this war is brought to an end. I endow my life to that mission."

Three thousand persons were invited to the meeting of the clergy-men's peace union this evening and considerable enthusiasm was shown despite the aloof attitude of the newspapers.

Although it is expected Henry Ford will not be allowed to hold any meetings in Copenhagen, he is determined to continue the pilgrimage to that city.

Rooms Are Reserved.

Christmas will be spent in Stockholm by the peace pilgrims. Two hundred rooms in the best hotels were reserved for the delegates and other members of the Ford party.

A long speech by Mr. Ford on preparedness for war in the United States was given out in which the pacifist leader said:

"I frankly differ from those who say to me that we must not destroy the effectiveness of our mission abroad by meddling with the affairs of our congress just assembled."

That statement was intended as a rebuke to the faction of the Ford party who believe in a stronger military establishment in the United States as a means of keeping that country out of war.

On the question of preparedness, Mr. Ford further said in part:

"I deem it our duty as American citizens to declare ourselves in no uncertain terms as unalterably opposed to increased armaments. I have faith enough to believe that even should the program now submitted to congress be jammed through that body by carefully financed propaganda, reinforced by popular hysteria and fear, the peace mission upon which we are embarked will succeed."

"But to that confession of faith must attach one big proviso—that we come with clean hands and in the knowledge that we have done our full duty as American citizens to avert the greatest danger now threatening our country: The danger of preparedness."

Proposal is Sound.

A proposal for disarmament at this time is sound not only from a moral and humanitarian standpoint, but also economically. The nations of Europe are practically bankrupt. The allies have already floated enormous loans in America. Much money is passing into Germany through private channels, but the central powers are practically existing on paper money."

Mr. Ford thereupon outlined the following program for the great peace conference when he hopes to have held in Europe:

"Let us make some such argument as follows to the belligerent powers: 'If, after this war, you

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## Three Men Held in Canal Plot

FREDERICK SCHLEIN  
JAMES G. INTER-SERVICEABOVE—  
RICHARD LEYENDECKER  
BELOW—PAUL KOENIG

At the left is Frederick Schlein, an employee of the National City bank in New York, charged with stealing bank documents relating to the shipment of war munitions to the allies. At the top, right, is Richard Leyendecker, a New York art dealer, who with Paul Koenig, a high Hamburg-American line official, said to be the head of the German secret service in this country, is held on bail on charges arising from an alleged attempt to blow up the Well and canal.

Leyendecker is said to have acted as Koenig's assistant.

RAILROAD MEN TO  
VOTE ON QUESTION

Ballots in Eight Hour Day Proposition Are Prepared at Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Ballots for more than 400,000 railroad workers to vote on whether to demand an eight-hour day from the 453 railroads of the United States, are being prepared today in Chicago by the heads of the brotherhoods of engineers, firemen, and engine men, conductors and trainmen. A question of whether to demand higher wages, time and a half for overtime beyond eight hours, will be submitted to the men concurrently.

The ballots will be mailed to every member of the brotherhoods early in January to provide for the voting to start Jan. 10 and be concluded within 60 days.

The brotherhood officials will meet again in Chicago in March to canvass the vote. If the men have favored the demands, notice to that effect will be sent to the railroad managers.

The question of how to enforce the demands, if the railroads refuse was not taken up. A separate ballot will have to be taken to authorize a strike. The contracts with eastern and southern roads expect renewals in the early spring, when negotiations will be opened. The western contracts run until May.

The happy couple have remained secluded in their closely guarded apartments, or hidden away in a high-powered automobile which eats up the roads at a 50-mile an hour clip, ever since they reached here on Sunday. And the crowd of 100 winter guests at the hotel, and the residents of the vicinity who come from as far away as 25 miles hoping to catch a glimpse of the newly wedded pair, have had to content themselves with a very hasty look at long range as they enter the auto.

It had been reported that the president and Mrs. Wilson would play golf before breakfast today.

In consequence of this, many early rising requests were left at the hotel desk than ever before in its history. And golf clubs were at a premium, every one at the hotel seemingly being anxious to get a set. But there was nothing doing. Neither the president nor his bride put in an appearance, though there are reasons to believe that they had a quiet smile over the occurrence inasmuch as the golf links are directly in front of the sitting room windows of their suite. It was expected that the president would resume his golf until arrangements can be made for him to secure absolute privacy on the links.

A working schedule was arranged by the executive today. Each day, immediately after breakfast he will take up with stenographer Charles Swann the important mail that arrives in the special pouch sent by messenger from the white house. Then, if it is necessary, he will talk with Sec'y of State Lansing at Washington. The afternoons are to be devoted to automobile driving and walking through the mountains. Later in the week some of the relatives of the couple will come down from Washington and the evenings will be devoted to social chat and music.

The president will have a Christmas tree but just who is to be present to enjoy it besides himself and Mrs. Wilson is not yet known.

MILAN, Italy, Dec. 21.—An attempt to assassinate Gen. Todoroff, commander of the Bulgarian army in southern Serbia, was made by a socialist soldier, who fired at the commander three times, says a dispatch from Florina. The soldier was immediately executed.

TWO FIREMEN KILLED  
IN BLAZE AT BOSTON

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Two firemen were killed, another buried under tons of machinery from which he was rescued nearly dead after two hours' work and a fourth seriously injured by a fall, at a fire believed to have been incendiary, in a six-story factory building on Cambridge st., early today.

Dennis Walsh and Charles C. Willett, were killed when the fourth floor collapsed. William J. McCarthy after being imprisoned under the burning wreckage for two hours, was finally extricated and hurried to the relief station.

The men were in the thick of the fire, holding lines of hose into the blaze when the floor gave way.

The fire which practically destroyed the six-story factory building, also drove into the street in terror the 35 guests of the Evans house adjoining it.

UNITED STATES  
HAS GOODS ON  
WAR PLOTTERS

Government Agents Are Now in Possession of All the Details of the Nation Wide Conspiracy.

ALL "HIGHER UPS" ARE  
UNDER SURVEILLANCE

Question of Arrest is For Officials and President to Decide—Know Where Funds Are Kept.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The anti-neutrality plots of Austro-German sympathizers are absolutely under control. Government agents now are in possession of all the facts of the nation-wide conspiracy which has threatened to spread devastation and death throughout the country. Every person concerned in the plot—even the man higher up—is under surveillance.

Whether all will be arrested is for Atty. Gen. Gregory, Sec'y of State Lansing and Pres't Wilson to decide. The facts are now before them. And, officials declare, there is no longer a danger that any extensive damage will be done by the plotters. The exact situation, so far as the department of justice and the secret service are concerned, is as follows, it was learned today:

Facts Are Known.

First—This government has absolute and complete knowledge of the secret plans of the plotters.

Second—Every person connected with the conspiracy already is known.

Third—The financing of the plot has been revealed almost to the last expenditure of a dollar and the places where the "reserve fund" is hidden are a matter of record.

Fourth—The high agent in complete charge of the work in this country is known; his every movement is watched and every communication he makes is a matter of record. His arrest would be possible at an hour's notice.

The reputation by the German government of the acts of the conspirators has resulted, the secret service agents admit, in the abandonment of a plan that carried with it the crippling or destruction of five big munition plants; sinking of a dozen ships, and crippling of copper mines in upper Michigan and steel plants and factories in Illinois, Pennsylvania and Connecticut. It is also likely that a fund of \$4,000,000, deposited in three New York banks, will now remain untouched until the end of the war, as this money was intended to finance these outrages.

Checks Photographed.

Photographic copies of more than 1,600 checks, drawn against these funds, which originally exceeded \$2,000,000, are in the possession of the department of justice. Much of this cash has been traced from hand to hand until its ultimate destination likewise is a matter of record.

It is understood that the entire plot would have become a matter for diplomatic negotiations if it had not been for the prompt repudiation of the conspirators by the German government. This disavowal followed an intimation to Germany that it

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## METZLER WITNESS

AT JURY HEARING

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Fredrick Metzler, who made a confession to the federal authorities involving German agents in this country, was a witness before the grand jury today. It was expected that his testimony would result in another arrest within 24 hours.

While Metzler was testifying, U. S. Dist. Atty. H. Snowden Marshall said that, in consideration for the assistance given the government and in view of Metzler's position in the case, he would not be indicted.

Metzler served as private secretary to Paul Koenig, alleged head of the German secret service in this country, for a number of years.

Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, arrived from Washington just before noon to testify before the federal grand jury which is investigating the activities and affiliations of the organization known as "Labor's National Peace Council," of Chicago.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, was another witness.

"I do not know what the government hopes to get from me for I know none of the members of our organization was corrupted," said Mr. Gompers before entering the grand jury room.

TRIES TO KILL GENERAL

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